

MINUTES

OF THE

SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

AT THEIR

ANNUAL SESSIONS

IN

YORKVILLE, S. C.,

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YORKVILLE, November 4, 1875.

The Synod of South Carolina met, according to adjournment, in the Presbyterian Church at Yorkville, S. C., on Thursday, the 4th of November, 1875, 10 o'clock a. m., and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. E. H. Buist, Moderator, from 1 Kings, vi. 7: "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building."

The Synod was then constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Upon calling the roll, the following members were found to be present:

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
S. L. Watson,	J. L. Adams,	Bethel.
J. H. Saye,	J. J. Anderson,	Cedar Shoal. [Shoals.
A. A. James,	James Cunningham,	Fair Forest and Grindal
J. E. White, (2*)	R. H. Glenn,	Allison Creek.
D. Harrison,	W. J. Bowen,	Beth Shiloh.
T. W. Erwin,	G. H. Miller,	Concord and Mt. Olivet.
James Douglass,	J. F. Lindsay,	Yorkville,
J. S. Bailey,	W. A. Robinson,	Olivet.
W. W. Ratchford,	J. J. Moore,	Bethesda.
J. Lowrie Wilson,	P. Garrison,	Ebenezer and Rockhill.
R. E. Cooper,	James Hemphill,	Purity. [lass.
A. F. Dickson,	G. M. Witherspoon,	Lancasterville and Doug-
J. W. Query,	D. R. Steveson, (2)	Catholic and Pleasant
J. S. White,	Jesse Cassels,	Mizpah. [Grove.
R. D. Perry,	W. W. Walkup,	Tirzah.
D. P. Robinson,	J. M. Hope,	Harmony.
J. W. Spratt, (1)	J. J. Porter,	Six Mile Creek.
L. R. McCormick.	T. G. Culp,	Unity.
	G. W. Estes,	Beersheba and Salem.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

J. L. Girardeau,	Thomas Stenhouse,	Zion, (Glebe Street.)
T. H. Legare, (3)		
J. D. A. Brown,	Mortimer Glover, (2)	Orangeburg.

*The figures opposite indicate the day of enrollment, of the members who were tardy.

MINISTERS.	RULING ELDERS.	CHURCHES.
G. R. Brackett, F. L. Leeper, John R. Dow, J. H. Bryson,	Geo. S. Cook, (2) F. W. McMaster, (2)	Second Ch. Charleston. First Ch. Columbia.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

S. H. Hay, J. A. Cousar, J. G. Richards, James McDowell, J. E. Dunlop, E. H. Buist, W. S. Plumer, W. W. Mills, (2) N. W. Edmunds, A. R. Kennedy, (2) C. E. Chichester, W. J. McKay,	J. T. Hay, J. D. Blanding, R. B. Cunningham, J. E. Davis, L. L. McLaurin, R. C. McFaddin, E. J. Means, A. K. Craig, J. B. Jennings, J. R. Aiken, W. E. Mills,	Camden. Sumterville. Liberty Hill. (ning. Brewington and Man- Carolina and Red Bluff. Concord. R.) Lebanon and Salem, (L. Aimwell and Centre Pt. Bennettsville and Great Scion. Pee Dee. Salem, (B. R.)
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PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

R. H. Reid, J. O. Lindsay, (2) W. F. Pearson, (1) J. R. Riley, F. Jacobs, W. P. Jacobs, T. H. Law, H. Strong, A. P. Nicholson, J. L. Martin, J. G. Law, (2) A. L. Miller, J. R. Jacobs.	J. A. Leland, M. L. Sharpe, (2) Silas Johnstone, T. H. McCann, (1) A. Walker, W. Wright, T. C. Perrin, (2)	Nazareth. Anderson. Aveleigh. Carmel. Good Hope. [ship and Lisbon. Rocky Spring, Friend- Abbeville.
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MINISTERS ABSENT AND CHURCHES NOT REPRESENTED.

PRESBYTERY OF BETHEL.

Ministers.—L. W. Curtis, J. M. Anderson, J. H. Douglas, J. G. Hall.

Churches not represented.—Fishing Creek. Waxhaw, Mt. Tabor, Cane Creek, Bullock's Creek, Zion, Unionville, Carmel Hill, Shiloh, Hopewell, Ennoree.

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLESTON.

Ministers.—George Howe,* Edward Palmer,* C. S. Vedder,* W. H. Adams,* J. B. Dunwody.*

Churches not represented.—Barnwell, Summerville, James Island and John's Island and Wadmalaw, Edisto, Stoney Creek, Walterboro' and Wilton, Aiken, McClellanville, Beech Island, Central, Harmony.

*Excused for absence from this meeting.

PRESBYTERY OF HARMONY.

Ministers.—W. Brearley, W. M. Reid, J. L. Wilson,* D. McQueen, H. M. Brearley, W. A. Gregg,* D. McDuffie, J. L. Bartlett, W. T. Thompson, R. Bradley, J. S. Cozby,* D. S. McAlister, W. B. Crawford.

Churches not represented.—Darlington, Reedy Creek, Bishopville and Hephzibah, Marion, Cheraw, Hopewell, Indiantown, Pine Tree and Pisgah, Williamsburg, Midway, Beaver Creek, Little Pee Dee, Lynchburg, Kingston, Florence, Kentyre, Bethel, Horeb, Elon, Turkey Creek, Union, Beulah, Fair Hope.

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Ministers.—W. Carlile, J. B. Adger, J. L. Kennedy, E. T. Buist, W. McWhorter, W. H. Davis, J. F. Gibert, Z. L. Holmes, C. B. Stewart, John McLees, E. F. Hyde, Hugh McLees, L. K. Glasgow, D. E. Frierson, J. S. Young, R. A. Fair,* J. F. Latimer, T. C. Ligon, W. C. Smith.

Churches not represented.—Mt. Zion, Williamston, Washington Street, Retreat, Nazareth (B. D.), Lebanon, Bethia, Warrior's Creek, Little River, Shady Grove, Duncan's Creek, Fairview, Rock, Pickens C. H., Bethel, Greenville and Upper Long Cane, Ninety-Six, Laurens C. H., Cokesbury, Varennes, Clinton, Bethany, Spartanburg, Liberty Spring, Little Mountain, Honea Path, Smyrna, Gilder's Creek and Mt. Bethel, Hopewell (P.), Wallhalla, Richland, Midway, George's Creek, Belton, Roberts, North Pacolet, Mt. Calvary, New Harmony, Mt. Tabor and Antioch, Hopewell and Willington, Providence, Rocky River.

Upon completing the roll, Synod proceeded to the election of officers. Rev. R. H. Reid was unanimously elected Moderator, Rev. T. H. Law, Temporary Clerk, and Elder J. T. Hay, Assistant Clerk.

On motion of Dr. Plumer, Synod adopted the following schedule of hours for its sessions, viz.: Convene at 9 a. m. Recess from 11 to 3 p. m. Adjourn at 5½ p. m.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the election of Stated Clerk of Synod (to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. Wm. Banks,) was made the first order for this afternoon's session.

Rev. J. W. Spratt appeared, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and was enrolled.

On motion of Dr. Plumer, the Committee on Devotional Exercises was appointed, and said committee was directed to take into consideration the propriety of having preaching services in this house every morning.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with, inasmuch as they have been printed and circulated among the churches.

Rev. R. Lathan, of the A. R. Synod of the South; Rev. M. H. Houston, of the Synod of Va.; Rev. T. P. Johnson, of the Synod of North Carolina, and the Rev. D. A. Todd, of the Synod of Memphis, were, on motion, invited to sit as corresponding members.

Excuses for absence were received from Rev. C. S. Vedder, Rev. Dr. Adger, and Rev. Dr. Wilson, and were referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

The narratives and statistical reports of Presbyteries were received and read. The several narratives were referred to the Committee on the Narrative.

The statistical reports are as follows :

Bethel Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina 22 ordained ministers and 36 churches, and has under its care 4 licentates and 3 candidates for the ministry; Presbytery has ordained and installed licentiate J. W. Spratt pastor of Six Mile Creek Church; has ordained and installed licentiate L. R. McCormick pastor of the united congregations of Beersheba and Salem; and has ordained and installed licentiate R. D. Perry pastor of the congregation of Mizpah; and has licensed A. W. Wilson and G. S. Robinson as probationers for the gospel ministry. Presbytery has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. H. R. Dickson and Yorkville church, and has dismissed Brother Dickson to connect himself with the South Classis of the Reformed (Dutch) Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Rev. Wm. Banks has departed this life.

D. HARRISON, Stated Clerk.

Charleston Presbytery reports to Synod that it consists of 11 ministers and 20 churches, of which 3 are colored. It has under its care 4 candidates for the ministry. It has licensed Mr. J. L. Stevens and Mr. J. William Flinn as probationers for the gospel ministry. It employs one evangelist and two licentiates as acting evangelists. It has installed the Rev. James B. Dunwoody over the Walterboro', Stony Creek, and Wilton churches. The venerable and reverend William States Lee, for more than a half century pastor of the Edisto Church, has been removed by death.

WM. H. ADAMS, Stated Clerk.

Harmony Presbytery reports to Synod that it is composed of 25 ministers and 42 churches, and has under its care 3 licentiates and 8 candidates. Two candidates have been received under the care of Presbytery. Candidates D. C. Rankin, John Henderson, and W. B. Crawford have been licensed to preach the gospel. Licentiates D. S. McAllister and W. B. Crawford have been ordained, and the former installed pastor of the Great Pee Dee and Bennettsville churches. The pastoral relation heretofore existing between the Rev. R. Bradley and the Turkey Creek church has been dissolved, and he has been installed pastor of Pisgah church, to which he devotes one-half his time. Licentiates R. M. DuBose and E. E. Ervin have been dismissed, the former to the care of Tuscumbia Presbytery, and the latter to the care of Mecklenburg Presbytery. The license granted one of our licentiates to preach the gospel has been withdrawn. A new church, called Bethel, has been organized; and Hermon church has been dissolved. Rev. Gilbert Morgan, D. D., has departed this life.

W. A. GREGG, Stated Clerk.

South Carolina Presbytery reports to Synod that it consists of 32 ministers and 55 churches, and has under its care 4 licentiates and 9 candidates. It has ordained licentiate A. L. Miller, and installed him pastor of Hopewell and Willington churches; also licentiate J. R. Jacobs, and installed him

pastor of New Harmony, Antioch, and Mt. Tabor churches. It has licensed candidate S. L. Morris to preach the gospel. It has dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. J. S. Young and Good Hope and Roberts churches. It has received the Rev. F. Jacobs, D. D., from the Presbytery of Florida. It has dissolved Tugalo and Lodimont churches.

W. P. JACOBS, Stated Clerk.

Rev. E. H. Buist, of the committee appointed at the last meeting to superintend the publication of the sermon on the Pastoral Relation and Support of the Ministry, preached by the Rev. Dr. Adger before the last Synod, reported that the duty had been performed and the bill paid. The committee was discharged, and thanks returned for their services.

On motion of Rev. S. H. Hay, the selection of the time and place of the next meeting was taken up. *Camden* was unanimously chosen as the place, and Wednesday, the 25th of October, at 8 p. m. as the time.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, committees were appointed to bring in minutes with reference to deceased brethren. The Moderator appointed them as follows:

Rev. WM. BANKS—Rev. J. H. Saye, Rev. T. W. Erwin, and Elder P. Garrison. Rev. WM. STATES LEE—Rev. J. R. Dow, Rev. Dr. Girardeau, and Elder R. C. McFaddin. Rev. G. MORGAN, D. D.—Rev. S. H. Hay, Rev. N. W. Edmunds, and Elder A. K. Craig.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported recommending that Rev. F. Jacobs, D. D., the first pastor of this church, preach in this house to-night. Adopted.

On motion of Rev. E. H. Buist, it was

Resolved, That Synod hold a meeting in the interests of Foreign Missions in this house to-morrow evening at 7½ o'clock; that Rev. M. H. Houston, of China, be requested to address the meeting; and that a collection be taken up to be applied specially to the providing of mission buildings in Soo Chow, China.

Recess until 3 o'clock.

After recess Synod resumed business. The Moderator announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Bills and Overtures.—Ministers—E. H. Buist, S. L. Watson, and J. L. Martin. Elders—James Hemphill and E. J. Means.

Judicial.—Ministers—J. L. Girardeau, J. H. Saye, and W. F. Pearson. Elders—J. A. Leland and J. B. Jennings.

Narrative.—Ministers—F. Jacobs and J. A. Cousar, and Elder W. W. Walkup.

Theological Seminary.—Ministers—G. R. Brackett, Jas. McDowell, D.

Harrison, and W. P. Jacobs, and Elders Thos. Stenhouse, W. E. Mills, and J. L. Adams.

Finance.—Elders—J. D. Blanding, J. R. Aiken, and T. G. Culp.

Minutes of the General Assembly.—Ministers—W. S. Plumer and A. F. Dickson. Elder—W. Wright.

Leave of Absence.—Ministers—J. R. Dow and A. A. Jaimes. Elder—S. E. Wilson.

Devotional Exercises.—Ministers—J. Lowrie Wilson, and Elder J. F. Lindsay.

Presbyterial Records—

Bethel—Minister—J. G. Richards; Elder—Silas Johnstone.

Charleston—Minister—R. E. Cooper; Elder—A. Walker.

Harmony—Minister—W. P. Jacobs; Elder—James Cunningham.

South Carolina—Minister—J. D. A. Brown; Elder—G. H. Miller.

Rev. W. F. Pearson and Elder T. H. McCann, of Carmel church, South Carolina Presbytery, appeared, rendered satisfactory excuse for tardiness, and were enrolled.

The first order for this afternoon was called up, viz.: the election of Stated Clerk. On motion of Dr. Girardeau, it was postponed and made the second order for to-morrow.

Rev. T. H. Law, who as Temporary Clerk at the last meeting, has been acting as Stated Clerk and Treasurer since the death of Rev. Wm. Banks, presented the Treasurer's Report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Finance. It is as follows:

Report of Treasurer of Synod for Year 1874-1875.

Received by Rev. Wm. Banks, from Treasurer Bethel Presbytery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$40 00	
Received by Rev. Wm. Banks, from Treasurer Harmony Presbytery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	60 00	\$100 00
Paid by Rev. Wm. Banks, balance due Treasurer as per last report,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$10 29	
Paid by Rev. Wm. Banks, to Dr. Woodrow, for printing and distributing minutes,	-	-	-	-	-	-	89 56	99 85
Paid by Rev. Wm. Banks, on Treasurer's salary for this year,	-	-	-	-	-	-		15
Received by Rev. T. H. Law, from Treasurer South Carolina Presbytery,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$60 00	
Received by Rev. T. H. Law, from Treasurer Charleston Presbytery, Ass. for 1874,	-	-	-	-	-	-	40 00	\$100 00
Paid by Rev. T. H. Law, Dr. Woodrow's bill for printing Dr. Adger's Sermon,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$49 00	
Paid by Rev. T. H. Law, to Mrs. Banks on Stated Clerk's Salary,	-	-	-	-	-	-	51 00	\$100 00

The assessment of Charleston Presbytery for this year not yet paid.

Respectfully submitted, T. H. LAW, Treasurer *pro tem*.

A communication was received from the Rev. Edward Palmer, rendering excuse for absence from this meeting and asking the prayers of his brethren in his declining days and increasing infirmities. His excuse was sustained as satisfactory, and the Moderator was requested, at his leisure, to write a letter expressive of the sympathy of the Synod with this aged and venerated brother.

On motion of Rev. A. A. James, the Rev. J. W. Dickson, of the M. E. Church South, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the Synod heard the Rev. W. P. Jacobs, President of the Thornwell Orphanage, in reference to that institution.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Plumer, the Synod resolved to have preaching services in the morning. Whereupon the Committee on Devotional Exercises recommended that the Rev. J. H. Bryson preach to-morrow morning at 10½ o'clock. Adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that the first half hour of each day's sessions be spent in devotional exercises.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by the Rev. James McDowell.

FRIDAY, November 5th—9 A. M.

The Synod convened and spent a half hour in devotional exercises conducted by the Rev. J. H. Saye.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following members appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and were enrolled: Rev. J. E. Dunlop, J. G. Law, A. R. Kennedy, J. O. Lindsay, W. W. Mills and J. E. White, and Ruling Elders M. L. Sharpe, of Anderson church, T. C. Perrin, of Abbeville church, G. S. Cook, of 2d church Charleston, F. W. McMaster, of 1st church Columbia, and D. R. Stevenson, of Catholic and Pleasant Grove churches.

Excuses for absence from this meeting were received from Rev. J. S. Cozby, Rev. J. B. Dunwoody and Rev. R. A. Fair, which were referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence.

Rev. S. Taylor Martin and Prof. A. D. Hepburn, Synod of North Carolina, and Dr. J. N. Waddel, Synod of Memphis, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members. And on motion of Dr. Plumer, it was resolved that Synod hear Dr. Waddel on the subject of Education this afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

Hon. James Hemphill, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, presented an address to Synod, from said Board. The paper was heard, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

The order for 10 o'clock was called, being a series of resolutions in reference to the appointment of a Synodical Evangelist, presented at the last meeting, the consideration of which was fixed for this hour. After some discussion, the further consideration of the matter was, on motion of the Rev. N. W. Edmunds, indefinitely postponed.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Synod receded from business until after public worship.

The Synod then proceeded to the election of a Stated Clerk. On motion of Rev. J. H. Saye, the vote was taken by ballot. Rev. T. H. Law was elected on the second ballot.

Rev. J. B. Mack, of the Synod of North Carolina, being present, was invited to sit as corresponding member.

Col. T. C. Perrin, President of the Society for the Relief of Superannuated Ministers, etc., presented the report of said Society, which was received and referred to a special Committee, consisting of Rev. J. H. Saye, S. H. Hay, Dr. Jacobs and Dr. Girardeau.

On motion of Col. Perrin, it was made a special order to hear Prof. Hepburn in regard to Davidson College this afternoon immediately after Dr. Waddel's address.

Rev. C. E. Chichester, of the Committee appointed at the last meeting on the Readjustment of the Boundaries of the Presbyteries composing the Synod, presented a report, which was accepted. On motion, Synod proceeded at once to the consideration of the report. Pending the discussion of a motion to refer the matter of this report to the Presbyteries, with the request that they report to this body at its next meeting, the hour for recess arrived and Synod receded from business.

The Synod convened again at 3 o'clock and resumed the unfinished business.

At 3½ o'clock, Rev. Dr. Waddel, Secretary of Education, addressed Synod upon the subject of Education. After which Rev. Dr. Plumer presented a series of resolutions upon the same matter, the consideration of which, after some discussion, was suspended, and

Rev. Prof. Hepburn was heard in regard to Davidson College. At the close of his address, Major Leland presented the following resolutions which were adopted :

Resolved. 1. That the Synod has heard with pleasure the address of Prof. Hepburn in regard to Davidson College.

2. That the Synod continues to cherish a hearty interest in this excellent institution, and would hereby earnestly commend it again to the patronage of our people.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported recommending that, at the Missionary meeting to-night, the Moderator preside; and that after the address of Mr. Houston, addresses be made also by Drs. Plumer and Girardeau, and others. Adopted.

Rev. Dr. Plumer, of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, reported that the Committee found nothing in the Minutes of the Assembly calling for the attention of the Synod, and asked that the Committee be discharged. The request was granted.

Recess until 7½ o'clock.

At 7½ o'clock the Synod reassembled and united in a Missionary meeting, which was addressed by the Rev. M. H. Houston, one of our missionaries to China, and also by Rev. Drs. Plumer and Girardeau and Mr. Lindsay. At the close a collection was raised, amounting to \$137.

Elder Mortimer Glover, of the Orangeburg church appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness, and was enrolled.

Rev. G. R. Brackett presented the report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary, which was amended and unanimously adopted, as follows, the fourth resolution being adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee to whom was referred the communication of the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, report as follows:

From information received it appears that this venerable institution, which, for nearly half a century, has flourished under the fostering care of the Great Head of the Church, and has been sustained by the devotion and liberality of His people, is still enjoying evident tokens of the divine favour and blessing, and is so still upheld amidst the heavy trials through which she is passing, by a merciful and gracious Providence, which has never deserted her under past tribulations, and has never ceased to raise up numerous friends, who have vigorously and generously rallied around her in her time of need. An institution which "was founded in faith, prayer, and hope," and has proved so great a blessing to our land, and to the world, is encouraged to strengthen her faith, brighten her hope, and enlarge her prayers for still greater blessings and more extensive usefulness.

The Faculty, at present, consists of three Professors and a Hebrew Tutor, who fill the vacant chairs by a distribution of the several branches of instruction among themselves. Twenty-four students are now in attendance, and others are expected at an early day. It is reported that these students are prosecuting their studies with commendable fidelity and zeal.

Notwithstanding the loss of investments, sustained by the issues of the war and the shrinkage of values, sufficient funds remain to furnish the basis of the contemplated endowment. Until an adequate endowment is secured, the current expenses of the Seminary must necessarily be met by contributions from the various churches.

By an admirable arrangement and judicious management, the expenses of each student for board are reduced to the moderate sum of \$12.00 per month.

In view of these facts, it is

Resolved, 1. That we cordially sympathize with the Board of Directors of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, in their efforts to re-endow the institution, to refill its vacant professorships, and to impress upon all our churches continued obligations to support it by their prayers, sympathies, and benefactions.

2. That in the judgment of this Synod, we should raise \$1,000 to meet the expenses of the Seminary the coming year; and that this amount should be apportioned among the Presbyteries as follows: Harmony and South Carolina Presbyteries, each \$300. Bethel and Charleston Presbyteries, each \$200. And that one minister in each Presbytery be appointed to collect and forward their respective sums to the Treasurer, Henry Muller, Esq., Columbia, S. C., *i. e.* in Bethel Presbytery, Rev. R. E. Cooper; Charleston, Rev. J. R. Dow; Harmony, Rev. W. J. McKay; and South Carolina, Rev. J. O. Lindsay.

3. That in addition to the contributions to the general treasury, we earnestly appeal to all our churches through their pastors and sessions, to secure and forward to Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., provisions for the boarding hall of the students, or money for the same purpose.

4. That this Synod cordially concur with the Board of Directors in earnestly requesting the Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., to reconsider his declination of the call of the General Assembly to the vacant Chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology, and to accept the same.

On motion of Dr. Plumer, the Stated Clerk was directed to forward at once a certified copy of this report to the Synod of Georgia.

The Synod then adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer by the Rev. G. R. Brackett.

SATURDAY, November 6th—9 A. M.

The Synod convened and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. A. A. James.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. T. H. Legaré appeared, rendered satisfactory reasons for tardiness and was enrolled.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported, recommending that Rev. J. B. Mack preach at 10½ o'clock to-day. Adopted.

Rev. E. H. Buist, of the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported an Overture from the Presbytery of South Carolina,

requesting the Synod "to appoint a Sabbath School Convention of all the teachers and superintendents in our Sabbath Schools throughout the State, for mutual encouragement and counsel;" and recommended that in answer the Synod decline to appoint such a convention. After considerable discussion, on motion of Dr. Plumer, the whole matter was referred to a special committee to bring in a report endeavoring to harmonize the views of Synod. The following were appointed this Committee: Rev. W. P. Jacobs, C. E. Chichester and F. L. Leeper, and Elders F. W. McMaster and J. D. Blanding.

Synod recessed from business until after public worship.

Upon the resumption of business, the Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows, which was adopted:

Rev. J. O. Lindsay preach in this house to-night at 7½ o'clock.

FOR TO-MORROW:

Presbyterian Church.—Moderator Rev. R. H. Reid preach at 10½ a. m. Rev. G. R. Brackett conduct Communion Services. Addresses to children of all the white Sabbath Schools by Rev. M. H. Houston and Rev. C. E. Chichester, at 3½ p. m. Rev. J. L. Girardeau, D. D., preach at 7½ a. m.

Methodist Episcopal Church.—Rev. J. G. Law preach at 10½ a. m. Rev. J. R. Dow preach at 7½ p. m.

African Zion Church.—Rev. James McDowell preach at 7½ a. m. Rev. J. D. A. Brown, preach at 10½ p. m.

Wesleyan Colored Church.—Rev. Dr. Jacobs preach at 10½ a. m. Rev. S. H. Hay preach at 7½ a. m.

Addresses to all the Colored Sabbath Schools by the Rev. T. H. Legare and Rev. G. R. Brackett at 3½ p. m.

Rev. J. H. Saye presented the following minute in reference to the Rev. William Banks, deceased, which was adopted:

REV. W. BANKS died at his home at Fort Mill, York County, S. C., March the 17th, 1875. He had been engaged in the active duties of the ministry for a period of thirty-five years, having been licensed to preach the gospel, April, 1840. He was ordained February 25th, 1846, and was installed pastor of Catholic church, which he continued to serve for nearly thirty years, in connection with Pleasant Grove church, which grew up under his ministry. This important charge he resigned several years ago. For a short time after this he supplied churches in Williamsburg County, and then, Waxhaw, Unity, and Six Mile Creek. Quite recently he was settled as pastor of Unity church and supply of Providence church in North Carolina.

As a pastor, he was diligent and faithful in his work, and was greatly blessed by the Head of the Church, having many seals to his ministry. In his intercourse with his brethren, his conduct was highly exemplary and pleasant. He performed many duties in connection with his work as pastor and presbyter. For many years he served his Presbytery, (Bethel,) as Stated Clerk, and for a number of years discharged the duties of the same office in this Synod. He was a long time a Trustee of Davidson

College, and at death was President of that Board. He also served our Theological Seminary as one of its Directors.

In public trusts, he was punctual and diligent, rarely failing to be at Presbytery, Synod, or other meetings to which he was in duty called.

He was greatly beloved by his brethren and God's people in all this region for his work's sake. But in the midst of his great and successful labors, and in the most endeared domestic and social relations of life, he was called to lay down his armour and enter into rest.

This dispensation is very afflictive to us : but we would remember that "the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." With Brother Banks all is well. We are devoutly thankful for such a gift to the Church ; for all the good that God did to His people through His servant ; that his life and labors were continued to us so long ; and that so many weary and sad spirits were cheered by his prayers, preaching, and good life and conversation. We will remember him and his works, and receive and improve the admonition of Divine Providence in his life and death. May God comfort his bereaved family and those congregations left destitute by his transfer to the Church triumphant.

Rev. J. H. Saye also submitted the following report which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Executive Committee of the "Society for the Relief of Indigent and Superannuated Ministers of the Presbyterian Church," beg leave to report—

That they have examined the report and recommend the Synod to approve the zeal manifested by the officers of this Society in managing its affairs ; and that the same persons be reappointed its officers for the ensuing year, viz. :

T. C. PERRIN, President.

J. M. BAXTER, Vice-President.

R. H. WARDLAW, Secretary.

THOS. THOMPSON, Treasurer.

That Synod commend this Society and the object of its institution to the favorable consideration of all our churches. And that the Committee use such diligence as they may deem advisable to increase the funds of the institution, particularly by presenting the claims of this Society to the Sessions of our churches.

The thanks of Synod were also returned to the officers of the Society (who constitute its Executive Committee) for their services.

The unfinished business of yesterday afternoon, viz., the series of resolutions offered by Dr. Plumer on the subject of Education, was resumed. During the discussion, the hour for recess arrived, and Synod receded from business until 3 o'clock.

After recess, Synod resumed business.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs, of the Committee on the Records of Harmony Presbytery, reported that the Book of Records of said Presbytery had not come into the hands of the Committee, and asked to be discharged. Request granted.

The Stated Clerk presented to Synod the Book of Records of the Synod which was sent up to the General Assembly of "the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America" in 1861—that met in Philadelphia, Pa., during the late war—which book was retained at the North; and after repeated efforts to secure it, has but lately come into the hands of the Stated Clerk, and in a *badly damaged condition*. On account of the detention of this Book, the records contained in it had been copied (from the printed minutes) into another book some years ago.

On motion, the Stated Clerk was directed to place this book, with a note appended explanatory of its history, in the Library of the Theological Seminary at Columbia, for safe keeping.

Rev. J. R. Dow presented the following minute in reference to the Rev. W. States Lee, deceased, which was adopted:

The Rev. WILLIAM STATES LEE was born in the City of Charleston, S. C., July 22d, 1793, and died at his late residence near Langley, S. C., July 28th, 1875. His early education was received in his native city, and chiefly in the institution under the care of the distinguished Dr. George Buist, and which afterwards became the College of Charleston. When he was about sixteen years of age, he entered Princeton College, N. J., and was graduated there, with great credit to himself, in the class of 1812. Through the happy influence and faithful training of his pious mother, his attention was drawn in very early life to the subject of personal religion, and after his return from college he made a public profession of his faith in Christ by uniting with the Congregational church in Archdale Street, Charleston, which was then under the joint care of Drs. Keith and Hollinshead. Having resolved to devote himself to the gospel ministry, he began in the beginning of 1813 to study theology under Dr. Hollinshead, for whom he ever entertained deep veneration and love. In 1814 he was licensed to preach by the Congregational Association of South Carolina, and soon after a call was extended to him from the Dorchester and Beach Hill churches. This call he accepted, and he was ordained by the same Association that had licensed him to preach the gospel. In this his first pastorate he laboured with much zeal and usefulness for six years. In 1821 he was chosen pastor of the Presbyterian church of Edisto Island; and after much deliberation and prayer, he accepted this call, and removed to his new field of labor. It pleased the Great Head of the Church to continue him in this pastorate for about fifty-two years, and to crown his work among this people with the divine blessing and favour. In the beginning of the late war, he and his flock were driven from their happy homes, and he found a quiet retreat near Langley, and there he spent the trying time when our coast was desolated and all our pleasant things were laid waste. Here he took delight in writing letters of sympathy and comfort to his suffering and scattered people, not forgetting the young of his loved charge. For a short time he supplied the pulpits of the Aiken and Beach Island churches, much to the pleasure and profit of these congregations. After the close of the war, he returned to Edisto Island, and resumed his pastoral labors among the people he had served so long, and who continued devotedly attached to him. For several years he discharged the duties of his sacred office to the full measure of his strength, but the in-

firmities of age growing rapidly upon him, he was compelled to resign his charge, and he then returned to his residence near Langley, and there waited until his time came. For some years before his end, his eyesight failed, and towards the last he became almost totally blind. About two years ago, while walking in his garden, he made a mis-step and fell, and after that time he was for the most part confined to his chair or bed. During this season of weakness and pain, he was ever patient and cheerful, even rejoicing to suffer the will of his Father in heaven. On the night of July 23d. just a few days after his family had celebrated under his roof his 82d birthday, he was taken seriously ill, and afterward spoke but little. Everything that love could dictate was done for him, but it availed not. Early on the morning of July 28th, 1875, his spirit passed tranquilly away from the vale of conflict, and is doubtless now in the abode of the blessed, forever with the Lord. On the 29th of July his funeral services were held in Zion Church, Glebe Street, Charleston, and were jointly performed by Rev. W. C. Dana, D. D., Rev. W. B. Yates, and Rev J. L. Girardeau, D. D., and on the following day his remains were carried to Edisto Island, and now repose in the spot of earth long since selected by himself as his last resting place; and there they shall sleep until "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trump of God."

Brother Lee was an able, earnest, heavenly-minded and efficient preacher of the gospel of Christ. His people are willing witnesses "how holily and justly and unblameably he behaved himself among them, and charged every one as a father doth his children."

He was twice married: first to Miss Mary Canty Villepontoux, in 1816. and afterwards to Mrs. Henrietta Gaillard, in 1847. He has left seven children, three sons and four daughters, to whom this Synod now extends its heartfelt sympathy, praying that the Holy Comforter may abide with them, teaching them not only how to mourn, but how to trust in the "Father of the fatherless," and glory in tribulation.

Rev. S. H. Hay reported the following minute in reference to the Rev. G. Morgan, D. D., which was adopted:

THE REV. GILBERT MORGAN, D. D., was born in central New York, A. D. 1791, and died in the city of New York, at the residence of the Hon. E. Delafield Smith, his son-in-law, May 27th, 1875, aged 84 years.

Dr. Morgan was a distinguished educator of youth, a sound and thoroughly read theologian, and a most instructive preacher of the gospel. He was a man of great simplicity of manners, and of modesty amounting almost to diffidence. One would hardly think, without something more than a casual acquaintance with him, that he possessed an intellect of the first order, and attainments in almost every department of literature and science which placed him among the first men of the age. He was a life-long student, living for the most part in retirement, and in close companionship with the best writers of ancient and modern times. But the most striking and attractive feature in his character, at least to the servant of the Lord, was his great humility and manifest unconsciousness of his superior powers and attainments.

He was the life-long friend of Drs. Archibald Alexander and Samuel Miller, of Princeton, and of many others of the leading minds of the past generation. He made South Carolina his home many years ago, and con-